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SUBJ: TELECOMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN VENEZUELA AND SAN JUAN

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FOR CARTWRIGHT

1. FOLLOWING IS NWS RESPONSE TO REFTEL (A). NO FACILITY NOW EXISTS BETWEEN SAN JUAN AND WASHINGTON FOR FORWARDING DATA FROM PROPOSED MAIQUETIA-SAN JUAN CHANNEL. SUGGEST MAJOR EFFORT CONTINUETO IMPLEMENT MARACAY-BRASILIA-WASH-TINTON LINKS. DO NOT UNDERSTAND PESSISMISTIC IMPLEMENTA-TION DATA CITED BY WHITEHEAD. US CONTRACTOR REP WILL VISIT MARACAY FOR TWO WEEKS AS SOON AS VENEZUELA AGREES. FAA OFFICIALS AT CARACAS MEETING IN MARCH DISCUSSED AERONAUTI-CAL COMMUNICATIONS AND WERE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR, NOR PRE-PARED,TO DISCUSS METEOROLOGICAL COMMUNICATIONS PARTICU-LARLY BETWEEN SAN JUAN AND WASHINGTON. BELIEVE IT WAS IMPROPER FOR WHITEHEAD TO DISCUSS METEOROLOGICAL COMMUNI-CATIONS AT THIS MEETING.

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2. FYI. NEW FACSIMILE CIRCUIT WILL BE INSTALLED WASHINGTON-

JAN JUAN DURING MAY. WILL ATTEMPT MULTIPLEXING THIS CHANNEL IF MARACAY-BRASILIA LINK CAN NOT BE IMPLEMENTED FOR GATE. WISH TO DO NOTHING W TO RELIEVE URGENCY OF IMPLEMENTING THIS LINK. OUR CONTRACTOR ROBERT I. HALL OF GEORGE SLY ASSOC. READY TO LEAVE FOR MARACAY WHEN VENEZUELA NOTIFIES ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE. AFTER TWO WEEKS IN MARACAY, HALL WILL VISIT BRASILIA FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. OPTIMISTIC THAT CIRCUIT WILL BE OPERATIONAL BY THEN--MID-JUNE. IF APPARENT BY END OF MAY THAT LINK UNABLE TO OPERATE FOR GATE WILL TRY TO PROVIDE CHANNEL SAN JUAN-WASHINGTON AS A LAST RESORT FOR GATE PERIOD ONLY. FAA PREPARED TO ASSIST IN PROVIDING MAIQUETIA-SAN JUAN CIRCUIT IF REQUIRED. AT END GATE, FACILITY WILL BE DISCONTINUED. NWS/NOAA RECOMMENDS WHITEHEAD VISIT WASHINGTON BEFORE RETURNING VENEZUELA DURING TIME OF CANZIANI'S VISIT HERE MAY 8-11. CONTRACTOR CAN ALSO ATTEND BEFORE DEPARTING MARACAY. WOULD BE MOST USEFUL TO HAVE ALL PARTICIPANTS TO AGREE ON PLAN PRIOR TO DEPARTURE. END FYI.

3. NEW SUBJECT: NOAA DIRECTING CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING SPARE PARTS FOR BRAZILIAN UPPER AIR STATION TO CARACCILOLO AS SUGGESTED REFTEL (B).

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